Congresswoman McCollum Speaks Before the Midway Chamber of Commerce

In a recent speech to the Midway Chamber of Commerce, Congresswoman McCollum cited specific examples of how St. Paul has benefited from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - the federal government's emergency, short-term response to the Great Recession. So far, the Recovery Act has: protected teachers and police from layoffs; provided local businesses, nonprofits, and government entities almost \$3.6 billion in grants, loans, and contracts; and secured a \$35 million transportation grant so St. Paul can move forward with the reconstruction of Union Depot, which will generate 3,000 jobs between now and 2012.

"This is a critical moment in the life of our country," said Congresswoman McCollum. "The challenges we face are enormous: growing budget deficits, crumbling infrastructure, climate change and clean energy, immigration reform. Each of these challenges affects the life of this community and every community. But no community can solve these problems alone. Washington must provide leadership and we need to work together because national problems demand national solutions.



Congresswoman McCollum cuts the ribbon at the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps dormitories.

Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Opens Dorms for Students

This week, Congresswoman McCollum cut the ribbon at a ceremony for two dormitories at the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps. This organization provides essential job training and skills in St. Paul. Free services and housing ensure that young adults are fully-prepared to join the

American workforce. Recovery Act funds helped pay for the construction of dorms for Job Corps participants. Almost 200 jobs were involved in the refurbishment and updating of the two dormitories.

"Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps and the young people here who are learning the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce will benefit from these newly reconstructed buildings," said Congresswoman McCollum.

Ninth Anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

Saturday, September 11 marks the 9th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Congresswoman McCollum issued a statement, honoring the nearly 3,000 victims.